crew requirement for all regular flights is being followed by SAIL/Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the SAIL/Bokaro aircraft had flown the Minister of Steel with a single pilot inspite of availability of qualified pilot in SAIL aviation; and

(d) whether any action has been taken against SAIL for violating the rules?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Circular No. 5-16/93-R&D Section 'A' Part I dated 29.3.94 was issued by DGCA on the subject of minimum flight crew requirements. However, these requirements have now to be read along with fresh instructions issued by DGCA vide Circular No. 5-16/93-R&D dated 18.10.95 wherein it has only been recommended to have a crew of two pilots for VIP flights.

(c) and (d) In the past, the Steel Authority of India (SAIL) had operated VIP flights with a single pilot. However, in view of the fresh instructions no such case has been reported.

Declaring Srinagar Airport as an International Airport to boost tourism in Jammu and Kashmir

3993. SHRI SHARIEF-UD-DIN SHARIQ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments will consider the old demand of the people and the Government of Jammu and Kashmir State to declare the Srinagar Airport as an International Airport to boost the tourism and the tourist activities in the State where the tourist industry has almost collapsed; and

(b) if so, how much time it would take?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Srinagar Airport belongs to Defence authorities. Clearance/approval of that Ministry has been sought for developing facilities to international standards so that international operations could be started from Srinagar Airport. No time limit can be indicated at this stage for upgrading the facilities at Srinagar to international stardards.

Land Provided on Lease at Lesser Rates by AAI's Officers

3994. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newsitem published in the Indian Express of 6th February, 1997 to the effect that five senior officers of Airports Authority of India offered the precious land of Juhu, Bombay, to an industrialist on lease at lower rate than the market rate, is correct;

(b) if so, the details of the measurement and the market rate of this land; and

(c) what has been the role of these officers in this episode and what action has been taken by Government to investigate the matter and to take action against these senior officers; if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) The case is under examination of the Government.

Separate Corridors for inbound and outbound Air Traffic

3995. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) after the collision of the Saudi Air and Kazakhistan aircarft whether the DGCA had established separate corridors for inbound and outbound traffic; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?